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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Andrew Joseph Rudy

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 46-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 46-51 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 52-57 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on September 2, 2005 has been entered. The previous Final Office Action is withdrawn pursuant to the September 2, 2005 RCE and February 9, 2006 Amendment.

Election/Restrictions

2. Applicant's election without traverse of claims 52-57 in the reply filed on February 9, 2006 is acknowledged.
3. Claims 46-51 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on February 9, 2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. Claims 52-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Francisco et al., US 6,983,261.

Francisco discloses, e.g. Fig. 6, a method comprising, transmitting contents over the Internet, e.g. 216, a tax register, e.g. 8, that calculates a tax between different regions. Francisco does not disclose downloading a plurality of contents data on a contents data terminal. Official Notice is taken that ordering contents data from a contents data terminal having a menu picture over the Internet has been common knowledge in the art. To have provided such for Francisco would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of Official Notice. The motivation for having done such would have been to simply update and implement content data transfer over the Internet with the taxing system of Francisco.

5. Claims 52-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gryglewicz et al., US 6,993,502.

Gryglewicz discloses, e.g. Fig. 8, a taxation method, e.g. 52, comprising, transmitting contents over the Internet, e.g. 46, a tax register, e.g. 48, that calculates a tax between different regions. Gryglewicz does not disclose downloading a plurality of contents data on a contents data terminal. However, Gryglewicz does disclose ecommerce use of his taxation method. Official Notice is taken that ordering contents data from a contents data terminal having a menu picture over the Internet has been common knowledge in the art. To have provided such for Gryglewicz would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of Official Notice. The motivation for having done such would have been to simply update and implement content data transfer over the Internet with the taxing system of Gryglewicz.

Applicant's February 9, 2006 REMARKS have been reviewed, but are moot in light of the new grounds of rejection.

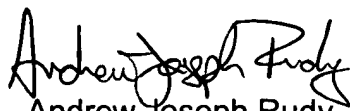
6. Further references of interest are noted on the attached PTO-892.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Joseph Rudy whose telephone number is 571-272-6789. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander G. Kalinowski can be reached on 571-272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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